

time to recognize the East Chicago Good Fellows Club, Inc. as the organization celebrates its 100th Anniversary. In honor of this special occasion, the club's leaders and members will be commemorating this milestone with a ceremony at Dynasty Banquets in Hammond, Indiana, on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

The East Chicago Good Fellows Club is one of the oldest social organizations in the state of Indiana. The group was established in 1922 and was initially formed as an athletic club that held a variety of sporting events. Throughout the years, the club has continued to host and sponsor numerous sporting and charity events in support of the community of East Chicago and beyond. In addition, the Good Fellows Club is active in their support of local youth sports teams and other charitable endeavors throughout Northwest Indiana. The members and leadership of the Good Fellows Club are to be highly praised for their commitment to philanthropy throughout the region, and I am happy to celebrate and honor their good work.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge the Good Fellows Club Officers: President Joseph Fabian, Vice President Richard Peterson, Business Manager Eugene Nowacki, Financial Secretary Ronald Spudich, Treasurer Jerry Kundich, Secretary John Foltz, and Sergeant-at-Arms Thomas Keough. The club's Trustees are Phillip Fabian, Jason Gore, and James McCormick.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the East Chicago Good Fellows Club on its 100th anniversary. For their outstanding dedication to the community of East Chicago and Northwest Indiana, the leaders and members of this great organization are to be recognized and commended.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF BETTY REID SOSKIN

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2022*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of esteemed activist and public servant, Betty Reid Soskin, upon her retirement from the National Park Service.

Throughout her life and career, Betty has demonstrated steadfast dedication to advocacy and service. During World War II, she was a file clerk for the Boilermakers Union A-36, an all-Black union auxiliary. Betty continued her community involvement as an active voice in protesting the Vietnam War and writing music about the experiences of the Civil Rights Movement. She also held other esteemed positions like serving as a delegate to the 1972 Democratic National Convention, legislative aide for a Berkeley City Councilmember, and field representative for two California State Assemblymembers.

In 2000 when the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historic Park was established in Richmond, California, Betty became actively involved in preserving the East Bay's rich history. In 2004, Betty became a ranger with the National Park Service assigned to the Rosie the Riveter Park. In this role, Betty educated thousands of park visitors

by sharing her story as a young Black woman working during the war. Betty has worked tirelessly to continue honoring the past and to teach future generations about the wartime efforts. Her voice has been critical in highlighting the experiences of women and African Americans who had participated in the war so that these stories are not forgotten. At 100 years old, Betty was the oldest National Park Ranger in the country.

Betty has been rightfully recognized over the years for her advocacy and commitment to social justice. Betty was named "Woman of the Year" in 1995 by the California State Legislature and was recognized by the National Women's History Project as one of the country's ten outstanding women in 2006. She was formally recognized by President Obama in 2015, even having the honor of lighting the National Christmas Tree that year. Additionally, she was Glamour Magazine's "Woman of the Year" in 2018 and recently had a middle school in El Sobrante named after her.

Betty is a pillar of our community and I am proud to call her a friend. Her leadership and passionate spirit are an inspiration to all who know her. Please join me in congratulating Betty on her retirement and honoring her for her years of dedicated service.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2022*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 6th and 7th. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 116; NAY on Roll Call No. 117; NAY on Roll Call No. 118; NAY on Roll Call No. 119; NAY on Roll Call No. 120; YEA on Roll Call No. 121; YEA on Roll Call No. 122; NAY on Roll Call No. 123; YEA on Roll Call No. 124; and YEA on Roll Call No. 125.

#### BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK 2022

#### HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2022*

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, information can save lives. Even children's cartoons used to say that "knowing is half the battle."

So, during the fifth Annual Black Maternal Health Week, which runs April 11–17, I want to impress upon our community that research and data could not be more important to our efforts to close the mortality and morbidity gaps between white and Black parents.

When my fellow members of Congress learn that Black Americans are three-to-four times more likely to die in childbirth than white Americans, they pay attention—even if they're not paying attention to concepts like structural racism, implicit bias, and social determinants of health.

However, the data also tell us that bias and racism are alive and well in healthcare; or as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who we lost 54 years ago this week, once said: "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in Health care is the most shocking and inhumane."

Health care is not equal in our country, and it never has been so we shouldn't be surprised when that inequality extends to mothers and their children—and the numbers here don't lie. Unfortunately, we know the truth: maternal health in America is in crisis, and like so many crises, the maternal mortality crisis has hit Black America harder.

As we've seen from the COVID-19 pandemic, the adage is true: when white America comes down with a cold, Black America gets pneumonia. In maternal care, Black women are three to four times more likely to die from preventable pregnancy-related complications than non-Hispanic, white women—no matter their level of education or socioeconomic status—even though 60 percent these deaths are preventable.

What's worse is for every mother lost there are hundreds of near misses. And annually, approximately 50,000 women experience severe pregnancy complications which result in serious health consequences.

However, because we have this data, we've been able to develop policy solutions to address the Black maternal health crisis in America. If we get this work done, we will not only raise the tide for Black women—who are among the most marginalized and the most vulnerable—we will also improve outcomes and care for all women.

My work on this issue started when I joined up with then-Senator KAMALA HARRIS and the Black Mamas Matter Alliance to introduce our Annual Black Maternal Health Week resolution, something we've done every year since. Then, in 2019, I joined the youngest Black woman ever elected to Congress, Congresswoman LAUREN UNDERWOOD, to launch a Congressional caucus focused on Black maternal health.

As the co-founders and co-chairs of the bipartisan Black Maternal Health Caucus, we developed a solution: the Momnibus. The Momnibus is a package of 12 bills to comprehensively address all aspects of the maternal mortality crisis, with a focus on Black parents using reproductive justice as a guide. It is a solution that says, unequivocally, Black mothers matter.

With the support of a historic coalition of nearly 200 health care providers, Black mothers, policymakers, researchers, activists, and maternal health advocates we crafted a collaborative, targeted and timely set of policies to improve maternal health outcomes for Black pregnant and postpartum individuals, particularly during the COVID pandemic. The Black Maternal Health Momnibus will fill gaps in existing legislation to comprehensively address every dimension of the Black maternal health crisis in America.

Throughout the process, we remained very intentional about centering the voices of Black women and ensuring Black woman-led organizations are consulted often. The Momnibus makes investments in social determinants of health, community-based organizations, the growth and diversification of the perinatal workforce, improvements in data collection and quality measures, digital tools like telehealth, and innovative payment models. Finally, in addition to direct efforts to improve Black maternal health outcomes, the Momnibus focuses on high-risk populations, including women veterans, incarcerated women, and Native Americans.